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**APPLICANTS:** MANFRED HUBINGER, ET AL - 2 PCT  
**PCT NO. :** PCT/AT2004/000152  
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**TITLE :** WELDING TORCH INCLUDING A DRIVE UNIT AND A WIRE  
BUFFER STORAGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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S I R :

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of  
Claims which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 8 of this paper.